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Offered by:

REP. DAVIS, 50th Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 74

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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING PERIODIC REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY BY TOWNS."

Strike out subsections (c) and (d) of section 3 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(c) The committee shall establish whether or not a town complied with the requirements of section 12-62 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, in effecting the required calculations, and whether or not the assessor in performing the analyses for each property class and for all real property: (1) Excluded market sales that should have been included, (2) made adjustments to the sales prices of property that were not based on objective criteria, not documented, or not substantiated in terms of the reasons therefor, (3) included sales that were not market sales, or (4) did not make necessary and appropriate adjustments to the sales prices of real property. If the committee finds that the town or the assessor did not conform to the

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requirements of subsection (k) of section 12-62, as amended by this act, and that such nonconformance materially affected the calculations on which the town based its certification of exemption from the requirement to implement a scheduled revaluation, the committee shall recommend that the secretary rescind such exemption. If the committee finds that such nonconformance resulted from the town's intentional disregard of the provisions of section 12-62 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, in order to subvert the requirement to implement a scheduled revaluation, the committee shall also recommend a percentage, equal to or less than ten, to be used to determine the amount of the penalty that may be imposed against the town pursuant to subsection (d) of this section. If the committee finds that the town or the assessor conformed to such requirements, or did not conform to such requirements but that such nonconformance did not materially affect the calculations on which such certification was based, the committee shall recommend that the secretary validate such exemption.

(d) In the event the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management rescinds a town's revaluation exemption certification, the town shall implement a revaluation of all real property as soon as is practicable, but in no event later than the October first next following the date on which it was scheduled to implement the revaluation for which the secretary rescinded the exemption certification. Any such town shall be required to implement its next subsequent revaluation for the assessment date that is four years after the assessment date for which such exemption certification is rescinded and thereafter such town shall implement a revaluation in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of section 12-62 of the general statutes. Any such town shall not be eligible to certify an exemption from the requirement to implement a revaluation, pursuant to section 12-62 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, any earlier than the date that is five years after the date on which the town certified the exemption from the requirement to implement a revaluation that the secretary rescinded. The secretary may impose a penalty on any town that has

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had a revaluation exemption certificate rescinded. Such penalty shall be the forfeit of a per cent of any grants the secretary certifies to the Comptroller as payable to the town in the fiscal year in which the penalty is imposed, or in the fiscal year next following. The per cent forfeited shall not exceed the per cent recommended by the committee under subsection (c) of this section. Prior to imposing any such penalty, the secretary, or the secretary's designee, shall hold a hearing and shall send a written notice to the town of the date, time and place thereof not later than ten business days before such hearing is scheduled. Not later than thirty days following the conclusion of such hearing, the secretary shall determine if imposition of a penalty is warranted and shall send a written notice of such determination to the town. In the event the secretary imposes a penalty, such notice shall state the amount of such penalty and the fiscal year in which such amount will be subtracted from said grants. The secretary shall send any notice required by this section by certified or registered mail. Any town aggrieved by the action of the secretary following such hearing may appeal to the superior court for the judicial district wherein such town is located. Such appeal shall be taken not later than ten business days after the date on which the town receives the secretary's notice concerning such penalty. Any such appeal shall be privileged."

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